

MANY ATTENDED THE KALIHI MANUAL LUAU

Some two hundred citizens, including officials of the Board of Health, members of the Legislature, the Mayor and some of the City Supervisors and other prominent Honoluluans, attended the luau given yesterday afternoon at the Kalihi Manual School in honor of the formal opening of that institution. The assembly of guests was presided over by Mark P. Robinson, president of the Board of Health, who made a short opening speech, thanking the committee of ladies who arranged the details of the luau and giving some particulars concerning the new building and the expectations the members of the board had as a result of the new institution.

There were five large tables set for the luau, which was served splendidly and had been skilfully prepared. Four of the tables were arranged in the large assembly-hall for the guests, the fifth table being in the dining-room, for the boy inmates of the school. Following the luau, the boys sang several songs and carried through a program in a very creditable manner, considering that it has been only six months since they were put in charge of a teacher.

Each guest received a souvenir badge to mark the occasion. Many of the townfolk inspected the building after the program and expressed their appreciation of what was being done to care for and educate the waifs from the Molokai Settlement.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

Former Circuit Judge George Davis has returned from a ten days' trip to Hawaii and will be at his desk Monday morning.

E. C. Peters, representing the Sisters of St. Andrew's Priory, has begun suit against George Smithies for \$3000, due on promissory notes.

Carl S. Smith has been selected as Deputy County Attorney of Hawaii, to take the place of Aluli. He is to receive a salary of \$150 per month.

There will be a grand benefit next Saturday night in the Opera House for the Italian relief fund. Seats are 50c., \$1 and \$1.50 at the Bergstrom Music Co., Ltd.

Mrs. L. M. Whitehouse and her sister, Miss Harrison, received the sad news yesterday of the death of their uncle, M. F. Harrison, of Davenport, Iowa.

The deposition of Colonel Spalding in the case of the Territory versus Hee Fat was taken in the Circuit Court yesterday. Col. Spalding could not be present at the trial of the case.

While playing with matches, the two-year-old child of Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Pacheco of Kunawai lane, set herself on fire last Friday night and was so severely burned that she may not survive.

Chief Justice Hartwell cabled last Thursday for Justice Ballou to return to the islands immediately, in case the municipal scrap was referred to the Supreme Court. Ballou is returning on the Siberia.

A Mr. Martinoff, who was an accountant in Bishop's bank some ten or fifteen years ago, died in the Queen's Hospital after an operation Friday night. He left his entire estate to the proposed Children's hospital.

The widow of the late Judge Gear of this city, has filed a suit against Henry Withoff for the sum of \$3561, which she alleges is the share promised the Judge as one of Withoff's attorneys in the Fullerton damage suit.

The regular monthly business meeting of the Oahu Young People's Union will be held in the Christian church, Monday evening, January 11, at 7:30 o'clock. All societies are requested to send delegates with written reports.

William Vannatta, superintendent of the Hilo water works, is taking up the question of a better system there with Marston Campbell. A great deal of the pipe system is so rotten that Hilo is entirely without first protection in many places.

Manuel Abreu Reis, who was taken suddenly ill last Wednesday morning, has been removed to the house of his daughter, Mrs. J. A. Franca, in Nuuanu valley. The old gentleman was very sick last evening, and there are slim chances for his recovery.

The regular monthly meeting of the Ladies' Aid Society of the First Methodist Church will be held at Mrs. Arthur Coyne's, 1534 Magazine street, on Tuesday, January 12, at 2:30. All members are expected to be present, and all visiting members are cordially invited to attend.

Ed. Dekum writes from Wiesbaden that Miss Helen Mesow, the blind musician who came here with Mrs. Weathered two years ago and left in care of Miss Edith Chase to study in Paris, is now having her eyes treated at the German watering place. Mr. Dekum has sent his Christmas alohas to many old friends in town, especially those in the Judiciary building.

A PUZZLE.

The high school girls with their glossy curls
And cheeks of dainty pink,
As they mince along in a laughing throng
Look mighty nice, I think.

But I'd like to know how cheeks can glow
Like rosebuds in a bunch
On the daily fare of a stale éclair
Or a macaroon for lunch.

BORN.

DIETZ—In Ross Fork, Idaho, December 21, 1908, to Mr. and Mrs. H. Werner Dietz, a son.

Blom is to begin a "factory-price" sale tomorrow and the articles include skirts, jackets, long coats, belts, etc. These goods are to be sold at cost and under to make room for a large shipment of goods now on the way. Value is represented in every article and it is greater value than is usually found even in Blom's famous sales.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

Waist sale at Sachs'.
Kerr's white sale still on.
Don't miss Kerr's January white sale.

Sale of waists and suits, Ehlers', tomorrow.

Fifty cents buys a shirtwaist at Sachs' tomorrow.

An experienced saleslady is wanted. See classified ads.

Home Journal patterns for January at Whitney & Marsh's.

Whitney & Marsh are showing some handsome suitings in light-weight wool.

You can do better at Kerr's.

Christy and Knickerbocker waists are included in the sale tomorrow at Sachs'.

Bargains in bedspreads at Kerr's.

Mrs. Mary Gouvia will open a dress-making parlor on Emma street, above the Royal School, on the 13th inst.

The finder of a dark bay horse, lost December 31, will be rewarded for its return to King and River streets. See classified ads.

Towels cheap, Kerr's.

If you wish perfect comfort during sleeping hours, get a suit of pajamas at McInerney's. Very stylish goods there for \$1.50 a suit.

Roses! Roses! Also orchids, carnations, violets, and a choice line of curios. Mrs. E. M. Taylor, Tel. 339, Alexander Young building.

White shoes cheap, Kerr's.

Success has marked the history of Osteopathy wherever a capable manipulator has had a case. Dr. Schurmann, 224 Emma street, receives patients daily.

Wines and liquors at the Royal Annex, Nuuanu avenue and Merchant, Sunday. Lunch 25c., dinner 50c.; beer 10c. a glass.

Embroideries, special, at Kerr's.

If you want reasonable rates, with all comforts and modern improvements, try the Majestic, Fort street and Beretania avenue, opposite the fire station.

A reward will be paid for the return of a fox terrier dog to the second house Waikiki of Moana Hotel. Dog answers to the name of "Rally." See classified ads.

Muslin underwear, greatest value every shown, at Kerr's.

The monster annual January clearance sale of ladies' shirtwaists will begin at the Sachs Dry Goods Co. tomorrow morning. Everything will go at almost half price.

Have you seen the great suit for

There is economy in using an auto strap razor and there is money saving in buying one from Benson, Smith & Co., Ltd., where they are sold for less than the makers' price.

\$13.50 Kerr's are offering?

Oat & Mossman, 76 Merchant street, have all the finest business stationery and office conveniences used in a modern business office. Call and look them over. Phone 403.

Little money will buy a fine waist at Sachs' tomorrow.

Hall's safes are always fire and burglar-proof. The construction of every smallest detail is faultless, and the walls and doors are impervious to heat. H. Hackfeld & Co., Ltd., agents.

No boasting about the bargains at Kerr's.

When you need a safe at all, you need a good one—the very best you can get. That means, get a Herring-Hall-Marvin safe, the one that you know to be absolutely faultless in construction. Theo. H. Davies & Co., Ltd.

Important shirtwaist sale tomorrow at Sachs'.

STAYTON CASE

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According to Postmaster Pratt, may be classed merely as a discrepancy, owing to the intricate method of preparing and forwarding statements of accounts required by the department.

Mr. Stayton as assistant postmaster is actually the cashier of the postoffice and all receipts and revenues outside the money order department pass through his hands. This includes the stock of stamps, stamped envelopes, etc. In this connection the name of Mr. Marchant, formerly with the postoffice, who died or committed suicide suddenly a few months ago, has been mentioned. After the latter's death an investigation of his books showed discrepancies. They were slight, however, and have been classed as discrepancies, inasmuch as a thorough investigation of the books could not be had without the presence of Mr. Marchant. These accounts are related in a way with those of the postoffice cashier.

Behind the story of the trapping of Mr. Stayton in the lavatory of the post-office Friday night, when he was found with official mail directed to Inspector Hare and Assistant Superintendent Carr, and with the envelope addressed to the latter, open, there is another story that Mr. Stayton had a definite purpose in opening mail addressed to the officials which affected a young man who was recently acquitted by a Federal court jury of a charge of wrong doing while acting as an employee of a postoffice on Maui. Mr. Stayton had a peculiar interest in the young man and it is said wanted to know whether the District Attorney and Postal Inspector were going to reopen the case, as had been reported. The interception of official mail with references to the matter would not only put Mr. Stayton wise, but could keep the other man informed.

Another theory, being worked on by the investigating officials, is that Mr. Stayton, in view of the \$225 discrepancy, desired to obtain foreknowledge of the department's attitude in that matter.

It is said that Mr. Stayton has had a penchant for cards recently and that he has not always won. A small crowd of young men employed in various minor capacities in offices and stores about town have sat in the game and an investigation is about to be made concerning losses and winnings of all concerned.

The coming of Inspector Johnson, a few months ago, was due to a desire of the Postoffice Department to get at the bottom of the postal mysteries here.



HISTORIC EUROPE—THE MAGNIFICENT PALACE OF JUSTICE AT BRUSSELS, THE CAPITAL CITY OF BELGIUM.

Brussels is one of the most ancient cities of Central Europe, and is said to have been founded in the seventh century. It possesses some very noble specimens of architecture, among the finest being the Hotel de Ville, the Cathedral of St. Gudule, and the Palace of Justice. It was here that the famous battle was being held when the British officers were hurriedly summoned to the battle of Waterloo, which decided the fate of Napoleon Bonaparte.

COMMERCIAL NEWS

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shown in the stock seems justified. The crop estimate is for 53,000 tons. This stock is being picked up for investment.

Honokaa has advanced nearly \$1 during the week, probably because there is some talk of a dividend being declared. The amount of the dividend is undetermined, however.

The Bond Market.

There are practically no bonds on the market, the two sales recorded for the week being the big block of Hilo R. R. 6s made on Friday, when \$11,000 was turned at 94, a rise of 1½ since Monday, and a previous sale of \$5000 at 92.50. There have been several bids of 92 for these bonds, with 95 asked. Hilo R. R. seems to have got finally on to its feet and is now self-supporting, and the probabilities are that these bonds will reach par within a reasonable time.

Dividends of the Week.

Eight dividends were declared during the week, two of them being special dividends. These were Waimanalo, which disbursed a five per cent. dividend, and Olowalu, the shareholders in which drew two per cent.

The other regular dividends were: Hawaiian Commercial, 80 cents a share; Onomea, 2½ per cent.; Honouliuli, 1½ per cent.; Paauhau, 20 cents a share; Wailuku, 1½ per cent.; and Hutchinson, 20 cents a share.

Transactions of the Week.

The following are the transactions of the Stock and Bond Exchange for the week:

Inter-Island—15, 15, at 135.
Ewa—24 at 26.25; 20, 58, 25 at 26.50; 25 at 26.75; 120, 20, 60 at 27.25.
Hilo R. R. 6s—\$5000 at 92.50; \$11,000 at 94.
Oahu Sugar—45, 10, 10, 5, 5, 20 at 27.75; 10, 10, 100, 10, 10, 10 at 28; 50, 65 at 28.125; 50, 150, 50 at 28.50.
Olau—50, 115, 400 at 4.50; 10, 15 at 4.75; 10, 25, 25, 15 at 4.50.
Hon. B. & M. Co.—95 at 21.
Onomea—15, 100, 100 at 40.50.
Honokaa—185, 50, 25 at 14.
Pioneer—35, 15, 60 at 140.
Waialua—70 at 80.50; 25, 25 at 80; 25, 25, 20 at 81.

Mainland Money Coming In.

An interesting feature of the local investment market is the fact that brokers are reporting many inquiries for stocks and bonds from the mainland, while there have been a number of sales of Hawaiian securities within the past two or three weeks to tourists. Trent Trust Company reports having sold \$10,000 in local bonds to visitors in Honolulu; other brokers report many inquiries and some sales. This is regarded as a most gratifying evidence of the value of the tourist business to Hawaii, the fact that investments are being made here being certain to keep the islands prominently in the minds of the investors with the prospects of a widening circle of friends on the mainland for the Territory.

Money Is Free.

Bankers report the money market in good condition, commercial paper being met promptly and the supply for trade purposes sufficient without an overabundance to place. There is a large amount of trust funds seeking investment, however.

Real Estate Active and Advancing.

Real estate is on the move and the move is steadily upward. It is expected that at the government sale of lots on Alewa Heights tomorrow prices will be realized from four to five times greater than the prices secured for more favorable locations a year ago. In Kaimuki, College Hills and elsewhere in the Waikiki sections of the city there is a demand for property and for houses.

The activity has not as yet reached the Kalihi and other Ewa sections to the same extent. Real estate dealers explain this by stating that the ones who will probably seek homes there as a result of Pearl Harbor development are not as yet in the market.

The money that is going into real estate as yet is local, no outside capital having appeared to take advantage of what appears to be a certainty in the rise of prices within the city.

Oahu Transportation.

The affairs of the O. R. & L. Co. are rapidly being shaped to take advantage of the increased business promised this year. During the week the spur to connect the main tracks with the Pearl Harbor naval reserve was completed, while the work of laying out the new Leilehua spur is progressing. A report has it that one of the things accomplished by Walter F. Dillingham on the mainland, on his present trip, has been the thorough investigation of the possibilities for equipping the O. R. & L. with gasoline motor propelled cars for quick transportation. He is to report on the result of his investigations on his return here next week, with a probability of the gasoline motor cars replacing a part of the present rolling stock of the company. These cars are said to be operated more cheaply than the present locomotive-drawn trains.

Traction Charter Asked For.

Yesterday an application was filed with the Territorial Treasurer for a charter for the Pearl Harbor Traction Company, a subsidiary company to the Honolulu Rapid Transit, although formed as an independent company. The Traction Company proposes to extend the lines of the Rapid Transit Company to the Naval Station at Puuloa, Pearl Harbor. The filing of the petition for the charter is the first step in the work of building the second connecting line between the city and the scene of the proposed Federal works at Pearl Harbor.

The company is capitalized at \$100,000, with the privilege of increasing this amount to \$5,000,000. The officers named in the application for the charter are L. Tenney Peek, president, holding 750 of the thousand shares; Alfred L. Castle, secretary; Charles H. Atherton, treasurer. Among the other shareholders named in the petition are C. G. Ballentyne, W. B. Castle, F. W. Klebahn and D. L. Withington.

The announced objects of the company are to construct, equip and operate a railway of public utility for transportation as common carriers of passengers, freight, mail and express.

Matson Contract Awarded.

One good piece of news was brought by cable on Friday, that being to the effect that the Matson Navigation Company had awarded a contract with the Newport News Shipbuilding Company for a million dollar freight and passenger steamer for the San Francisco to Honolulu run. It was concerning the building of this steamer that the commercial bodies of the city passed their resolutions withdrawing their support to the proposed abrogation of the coastwise laws as applied to Hawaii, the action being rescinded later by the Chamber of Commerce. This withdrawal resulted in a statement that the Matson Company would not go ahead with their new plans, but happily the steamship company has thought better of that.

A new steamer is to call at Honolulu on her maiden trip on Friday next, this being the T. K. K. liner Chiyo Maru, a sister ship of the Tenyo Maru, but supposed to be faster. The appearance of this, another great Japanese liner in the American trade, marks another step taken by the Japanese to force the American merchant marine out of business on the Pacific, fighting for the Oriental business. The Australian business has gone to the British lines with the exception of the recently inaugurated New Zealand service between San Francisco and Auckland, with the Oceanic S. S. Mariposa connecting with the Union S. S. Company's boats at Tahiti, Honolulu being sidetracked. This is to be a monthly service.

During the week five steamships, in addition to the vessels of the transport service, called at this port, while two sailing vessels arrived and two sailed. The steamers were: Br. S. S. Den of Ruthven, from Sydney; Br. S. S. Aorangi, Colonies; Jap. S. S. Nippon Maru, San Francisco; Am. S. S. Manchuria, Orient, and Br. S. S. Makura, Victoria. The sailing vessels to arrive were the Am. ship Falls of Clyde, from Gaviota, and the French ship Thiers, from Tasmania. Departing were the Am. bark Nuuanu, for New York, and the Am. bark St. Katherine, for San Francisco. American-Hawaiian S. S. Texan also cleared for Salina Cruz via Islands ports, while the army transports Dix and Sheridan made port.

New Industry Promises Success.

The series of tests carried on by the Japanese Sake Brewing Company, which has a brewing plant in operation in Pauoa valley, came to an end during the week and the result as announced is that an excellent product can be turned out at that location from Hawaiian-grown rice. Acting on this report, the directors of the company will start this week on a commercial scale. With the importation of sake seriously crippled through the enforcement of the Pure Food law, prohibiting the introduction of salicylic acid as a preservative, the local market is left pretty well to the local brewing companies.

The Pearl Harbor Contracts.

On Wednesday was formed a local partnership for the purpose of bidding on the big Pearl Harbor drydock, the bids for which are to be opened in Washington on February 13. The partners are E. J. Lord, L. M. Whitehouse and Frank Thompson, who will incorporate a joint stock company with a probable capitalization of \$250,000.

During the week, also, Charles McDermott and J. J. Overn, of the McDermott Contracting Company, of Philadelphia, arrived here to look over the ground preparatory to preparing a bid for the work.

In addition to the main contract for the drydock, there will be at Pearl Harbor, within the next eighteen months, a number of other substantial contracts awarded, for docks, seawalls, buildings and machine shops.

The Military Invasion.

Approximately eleven hundred men, six hundred cavalrymen and four hundred marines, with officers, band and supernumeraries, will arrive in Honolulu this week, this being the greatest number of army men and marines to reach here for local posts. With those now in Oahu, infantry, marines, engineers and naval station staff, there will be approximately two thousands men and officers in and around Honolulu.

The marines will be stationed for the meanwhile at Camp Very, while the temporary camp at Leilehua for the cavalrymen is ready to receive them.

Politics Rampant.

The unsettling feature of the past week has been the acrimonious political dispute which has arisen between the various city officials to take their seats as the first government of the city on Monday. Politically, the disturbance is a trifling squall over spoils, but through the refusals of the members to agree on a basis of government the legality of the legislation attempted is being disputed. An appropriation bill, providing estimates for the first six months of the year at over a quarter of a million, is one of the matters in dispute.

Beef Growing Scarce.

As a result of the drought of the past fall and winter in some sections of the Territory, and to other causes, there is a scarcity of beef cattle available for the local market. Importations will have to begin almost immediately to supply the demand, and this will mean an increase in the price. At present, and during the past few weeks, there has been presented the anomaly of the Maui market being higher than that of Honolulu and bidding against Honolulu for the supply from Hawaii. In Wailuku, during the past two weeks, the price has ranged a cent a pound higher than in this city, and the shipments here from the other islands have practically stopped.

The increase in price on the local market will go into effect this week. It is improbable that the prices of other meats will be affected.

Change in Bank of Hawaii.

The various banking institutions of the city have filed their first of the year statements, each showing a very satisfactory state of the ledger. This week the Bank of Hawaii will hold its annual meeting, on Wednesday, at which meeting it is expected that an announcement will be made of a change in the management, putting Cashier Clarence H. Cooke in more direct charge of the business, while his father will withdraw to a large extent from active participation in the management. There will be no change in the officials, however, Charles M. Cooke remaining in the presidency.

This move will be made, it is stated, in order that Mr. Cooke will be able to devote the greater part of his time to his private business.